

MRS. KENNEDY'S BROTHER, ALLEGED ACCUSAPLICE, TESTIFIES FOR DEFENSE.

Before Mounting the Witness Stand, Will Prince Encourages the Prisoner by Patting Her on the Shoulder—Accused Woman Follows His Evidence Very Closely, Frequently Prompting Her Attorneys—The Witness's Appearance as He Is Brought In From His Cell Creates Great Interest Among the Large Crowd of Spectators—First Day for the Defense.



A CORNER IN THE COURTROOM DURING THE KENNEDY TRIAL.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Kansas City, Mo., June 11.—Will Prince, a brother of Mrs. Lulu Kennedy, on trial for murder, who is held as an accomplice to his sister, was the principal witness of the day for the defense. Twenty witnesses in all were examined.

When court adjourned the prisoner's attorneys announced that their side would not be finished before Thursday noon.

The bulk of the testimony was brought out in an attempt to prove alibi for Bert and C. W. Prince, the brother and father of the prisoner, who the State had tried to prove were watching the entrances to the Ridge building at the time of the murder to prevent Kennedy's escape. Although the defense tried to prove that they had left the Ridge building's poolroom after the shooting occurred, the time given by the witnesses varied from 5:15 to 5:45. The shooting took place at 5:40.

Will Prince was taken from his cell to testify, and his entrance into the courtroom caused a buzz among the spectators, who craned their necks to get a glimpse of the man who the State is trying to prove was the chief actor in the alleged conspiracy to kill Kennedy. The prisoner brightened perceptibly at the entrance of her brother, whose testimony she followed closely. She appeared perfectly well to-day.

Prince denied that he had ever exercised memmorio powers over any one; denied that he accompanied his sister downtown on the day of the murder, and said that the revolver used in the killing was not his. He knew of the act only after it had been committed.

Testimony for the Defense.

Thomas H. Ridge, the first witness, told the jury that he was in the Ridge building at the time of the murder. He had come upon the scene soon after a policeman arrived. Mrs. Kennedy had requested the officer to let her hold on her hands, the doctor had said Kennedy was dead, and Mrs. Kennedy, stepping to the prostrate form, had kicked him in the head, the doctor had said: "You'll never see another girl."

Through T. J. Noble the defense endeavored to prove that the time of the murder as set by the State's witnesses was incorrect, but his statements in that respect did not differ materially from the evidence already adduced.

The witness said the defendant appeared very excited and blue, but on cross-examination admitted that she had requested the officer to release her hands so she

might arrange her hair, and that she had remarked she was not going to run away.

The State's witnesses testified that the prisoner acted perfectly cool when arrested, and when led away remarked that the murder had not caused much excitement.

During the cross-examination the prisoner kept patting the floor with her foot constantly and was nervous.

Then Will Prince took the stand. He is a prepossessing man of 30. He resembles his sister in features and looked at her constantly while giving his evidence. He kissed his mother and married sister, Mrs. Leon, as he passed them and patted the prisoner on the shoulder.

Will Prince, according to a theory of the prosecution, was a professional mesmerist, and in nursing her up to the killing of Kennedy, exercised his hypnotic power over Mrs. Kennedy.

Prince denied he was a mesmerist, or that he ever mesmerized a person, and said he had never been a prize-fighter, as had been alleged. Prince detailed his whereabouts on the day of the tragedy. He had been with his patent attorneys during the morning, he said, talking over business, and he went home about noon, remaining there until 3:30, when he returned to town alone. He went to his father's place of business, and at 4 o'clock Mrs. Kennedy followed.

He denied having accompanied Mrs. Kennedy to town a few hours before the murder, when she was supposed to have been en route to Kennedy's office.

The State tried to show that Prince left home with his sister on the afternoon of the murder, furnishing her with a revolver en route, and instructing her in what she should do when she went to her husband's office.

Prince testified to leaving his father's place of business at 5:30 and going to the Ridge building, where, attracted by a woman's screams, he went to the second floor and saw a man kicking his sister in the head. He had thought the man was Philip Kennedy, but found it was the latter's brother, and left the scene. Prince, continuing, told of his sister's condition after the forced marriage to Kennedy, when he had refused to live with her. She was despondent, he said, and confined herself to her room, refusing to eat or talk with any one.

In cross-examination a letter written by the witness to the defendant in June, 1900, was introduced, and Prince was asked what he meant when he wrote that he was worried over Lulu's conduct. He said it was because she was sad and despondent.

He did not know that she was going with Case Patton, the baseball player, at that time. He denied that the pistol with which Mrs. Kennedy did the shooting belonged to him. He admitted having watched the clock closely a half-hour before he left for the scene of the shooting.

Ben Brock told of being at C. W. Prince's place of business shortly before the shooting, and of Will Prince shortly after the shooting, and being followed closely by Bert Prince and his father.

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FRIEDS VANLY SEARCH FOR ROBERT A. LYTLE.

Wife Made Ill by Disappearance of Wabash Railroad Employee—Missing Since June 3.

No trace has been found of Robert A. Lytle, an employee in the freight claim department of the Wabash Railroad, who disappeared from his home, No. 815 Delmar avenue, on the morning of June 3. A few days later his wife, becoming alarmed, traced him to a barber shop in Maryland avenue near Euclid avenue. The police have been notified.

Lytle had \$20 in cash, a part of his salary, which he had just drawn, when he left home. He wore a silver watch and gold chain. He is 32 years old, has white hair and mustache, weighs 155 pounds, is 5 feet 10 inches in height and of solid build. When he left home he wore a gray suit, Fedora hat and a shirt with the laundry mark "20." He had been employed in the Wabash office at different times for twenty years. He was married at the office as a steady and industrious man. His wife says he was never away from home.

Mrs. Lytle is very sick as a consequence of his disappearance. "I think something terrible has happened to him," she said yesterday. "He must have met with harm." She has notified his brothers of his disappearance. They are J. W. Lytle, 15 years old, James Lytle, 12 years old, and James Lytle, Jr., 10 years old, who is a married daughter, Mrs. R. E. Howland, with her.



ROBERT A. LYTLE, Who is missing from his home at No. 815 Delmar avenue.

Company in Topeka, and T. M. Lytle of Mattson, Ill. The first two have not heard from him. She has not heard from the last. Mrs. Lytle has a son, Lafayette, 15 years old, and a married daughter, Mrs. R. E. Howland, with her.

SWEEPING SUFFRAGE SCHEME PRESENTED IN CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION OF ALABAMA.

Montgomery, Ala., June 11.—The most sweeping suffrage scheme yet brought forward was introduced to-day by Mr. Burns of Burnsville in the Constitutional Convention. It provides that the following classes shall not vote: "Those who are of illegitimate birth or of those who may be infected with any loathsome or contagious diseases; those who have been convicted of treason, bribery, forgery, perjury, larceny, seduction, incest, murder, rape, or any other crime involving moral turpitude; those who are descendants of parents of two or more different races; those who shall have married any woman having a living husband from whom she has not been legally divorced; those who have committed any assault and battery on his wife or stepdaughter and those who have ever cast an illegitimate ballot or who have not paid a poll tax of \$1.50 six months before any election at which he may attempt to vote."

The first article of the new Constitution was adopted to-day in the Constitutional Convention. The office of Lieutenant Governor was created, the Governor's salary increased from \$5,000 to \$5,500, the terms of executive officers were lengthened from two to four years and are ineligible for re-election. The Governor cannot become a candidate for the United States Senate within one year of expiration of his term.

NEWS FROM EAST SIDE CITIES. FARMER'S SONS AND MONTICELLO GIRLS RECEIVE DIPLOMAS.

Charles and Richard Becherer Regarded Traction Company Employee as a Trespasser.

Charles and Richard Becherer, sons of J. Becherer, a wealthy and prominent farmer near O'Fallon, Ill., are alleged to have assaulted Charles L. Baker of East St. Louis, a surveyor, employed by the Belleville and St. Louis Traction Company, yesterday. The young men were arrested and taken to Belleville, where they were released last evening on bond.

The traction company seeks to extend its line to O'Fallon from O'Fallon to St. Louis. A few days ago he crossed a wheat field, and the property of the Becherers. They say that he and his men trampled down a lot of wheat. Baker denies this. He was warned off the place, and the young men went to Belleville and consulted an attorney. The attorney told them to use a club on the surveyor if he attempted to cross their farm again without first asking and receiving permission. Yesterday morning Baker, on his way to work, was ordered off, and refused to go. The Becherers then threatened him with a beating if he did not get off their property.

Baker was badly beaten and was assisted to Belleville by his friends, and swore out a warrant against the Becherer boys. Constable Lantz made the arrest. The farmer's sons accompanied the Becherer boys to Belleville, where they were released last evening on bond.

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LOVE TRIUMPHED OVER RELIGION.

Louis F. Dinning, Jr., and Florence L. E. Marriott Married, Despite Difference of Creeds.

A spice of romance attaches to the marriage of Louis F. Dinning, Jr., of De Soto, Mo., and Miss Florence L. E. Marriott of Sulphur Springs, Mo., who were united yesterday afternoon at the parsonage residence of St. Lawrence O'Toole's Catholic Church by the Reverend Martin S. Brennan. Neither the relatives of bride or bridegroom, and very few friends, were invited with the secret of the approaching marriage, and the news of the wedding will surprise the residents of Sulphur Springs and De Soto.

Mr. Dinning is the prosecuting attorney of Jefferson County, of which De Soto is the county seat. He and his bride have known each other for several years and have been engaged for almost a year. The marriage was opposed by the parents of both on the ground that Miss Marriott was a Protestant, and Mr. Dinning a Catholic. Differences of religion were not sufficient to keep the young folks apart, and they determined to be married in St. Louis. Father Brennan had been known to Mr. Dinning for a long time, and in planning the wedding Dinning obtained permission from the parish priest at De Soto to have Father Brennan perform the ceremony. Three days ago Miss Marriott came to St. Louis to visit her friends on the South Side. Yesterday morning Mr. Dinning followed her to this city. The couple returned to De Soto last night.

\$19.25 to Buffalo and Return.

The Akron Route (Vandalia-Pennsylvania) has been sold daily, return limit ten days. Ticket office 100 N. 4th, corner Chestnut, and Union Station.

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LOOKING FOR A NEW GUSHER AT BEAUMONT.

Wells Recently Sunk Show Favorable Indications—Prospecting in Vernon County on Large Scale.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Beaumont, Tex., June 11.—Work was resumed this morning on the Wayne syndicate well on the slope of Spindletop Hill, and it will be brought in just as soon as the six-inch pipe is properly placed. The rock are in evidence all over the country. A deep well will be sunk at once nine miles south of Beaumont, where the oil indications are especially favorable.

STRIKE A POCKET OF GAS.

Beaumont, Tex., June 11.—Drillers at a gas well near Annularia, La., twenty-five miles south of this place, to-day tapped a gas vein, and when ignited the flow became a flame twelve feet high. Lands around the oil and gas belt at Annularia have increased from \$20 to \$100 per acre, and strangers are arriving there from all parts of the country.

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Beaumont, Tex., June 11.—Prospecting for oil at this place continues. Work on the Davis well for the Western Union Company is progressing fairly well. Machinery for the use of the Western Union Company is expected here to-morrow, and work will be done on the No. 1 property, two and one-half miles south of town.

SHRINERS SPENT BUSY DAY.

Immense Crowd Royally Entertained by Kansas City.

Kansas City, Mo., June 11.—Not since the Democratic National Convention have so many visitors from all parts of the United States been in Kansas City as are gathered here for the twenty-seventh national meeting of the Shriner of the Mystic Shrine, and gorgeously appareled Arabs have illuminated the streets all day.

With morning and night parades, a session of the Imperial Council, and night-sight-seeing, the Shriner have spent an exceedingly busy day. The Imperial officers were entertained from the Hotel Baltimore to the Standard Theater this morning by all the uniformed Shriner and a large number in carriages.

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